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BORDER CRISIS STARTLING STATS

"In my experience, we have seen increases when there are no consequences [for illegally entering the country.]"

- Border Patrol Chief Raul Ortiz, [July 28, 2022](#)

AUGUST 2022
ENCOUNTERS

203,597

AUGUST 2021
ENCOUNTERS

209,840

AUGUST 2020
ENCOUNTERS

50,014

- August was the **18th straight month with more than 150,000 encounters** – a trend never before recorded.
- For the **first time in history**, migrant encounters at the Southwest border have surpassed 2 million in a single fiscal year (FY22), with one month remaining
 - This does not include the number of known gotaways who evaded U.S. Border Patrol this year, which **DHS sources say** is well over 500,000.
- CBP had **203,597 migrant encounters** along the southwest border in August 2022, including 140,210 single adults, 51,725 family units, and 11,365 unaccompanied minors.
 - About **7 in 10 migrants encountered at the Southwest border were single adults**.
- Since President Biden has been in office, there have been nearly **3.6 migrant** encounters at the Southwest border, in addition to over 900,000 known gotaways who evaded U.S. Border Patrol agents.
- 11 months into Fiscal Year (FY) 2022, CBP has already had a **total of 2,493,721 nationwide total encounters**.
- CBP **expelled only 36% of individuals** under Title 42 in August 2022, again highlighting the Biden administration's refusal to fully utilize the public health authority.
 - Border Patrol agents are being left to manage an impossible situation – the few tools that they had at their disposal to help, such as "Remain in Mexico" and Title 42, were ripped away.
- As of August 31st, **78 people whose names appear on the Terrorist Screening Dataset (TSDS)** were stopped trying to cross the U.S.-Mexico border between ports of entry this year.
 - This is **triple** the number of terrorist encounters from the last **5 years combined**.

Terrorist Screening Dataset Encounters by Fiscal Year



*These numbers refer to U.S. Border Patrol TSDS Encounters Between Ports of Entry of Non-U.S. Citizens at the Southwest border.





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Loss of Human Lives are the Price of Biden's Border Crisis

- **According to DHS information**, nearly **750 migrants have died crossing** the Southwest border illegally this fiscal year, a record that surpasses last year's total by more than 200 people.
 - The **Eagle Pass, Texas fire chief said** his team used to find 1 or 2 bodies a month. Now they recover a body **every day**.
 - On August 22, as their parents attempted to cross the rough waters of the Rio Grande, **two toddlers died in separate drowning incidents**.
- The DEA issued an **official notice warning Americans** of the alarming emerging trend of colorful fentanyl being smuggled into the country, saying the cartels are using it to appeal to children.
 - According to the CDC, 107,622 Americans died of drug overdoses in 2021, with 66 percent of those deaths related to synthetic opioids like fentanyl.
 - Drug poisonings are the leading killer of Americans between the ages of 18 and 45.
 - Fentanyl available in the United States **is primarily supplied by two criminal drug networks**, the Sinaloa Cartel and the Jalisco New Generation Cartel (CJNG).
- The safety of children takes a back seat to the Biden administration's desperate attempt to gain political points by leaving the Southwest border unsecure.
 - **Rio Grande Valley agents arrested** 11 people identified as members of MS-13, 18th St. and Paisas gangs the week of August 26. Two additional migrants were identified as **registered sex offenders previously convicted for sexual crimes against children**.
 - **In an interview**, a Central American human trafficker said **that cartels are harvesting children's organs and stuffing drugs in their corpses as part of their illicit and profitable cross-border operations**.

Smugglers are Bold & Aggressive

- On August 23, **three migrants assaulted Government of Mexico officials** & then tried to illegally cross the border in an attempt to flee.
- On August 21, near Imperial Beach, CA, **two human smugglers got aggressive with Border Patrol agents** who were attempting to arrest them after they had illegally crossed the border.
- In New Mexico, Border Patrol agents **arrested three migrants who were wearing ghillie suits** to blend into the terrain as they snuck through the desert.

President Biden: Making the Cartels & Traffickers Richer Since January 2021

- In August 2022, **CBP seized 46.4K pounds of drugs**.
 - Cocaine seizures increased by 193% from July 2022 to August 2022.
- Fentanyl seizures increased by 6% from July 2022 to August 2022.
 - Over 2,200 pounds of fentanyl was seized last month—the highest monthly seizure in at least the last four fiscal years.
- CBP has seized enough fentanyl so far, this fiscal year to kill almost 2.9 billion people, **over eight times the U.S. population**.
- In August, Border Patrol agents in the Tucson Sector **seize \$4.3 million worth of fentanyl**.
- In one week, **over one million fentanyl pills were seized** by Border Patrol agents at the port of entry in Nogales, AZ.